

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS**Summary of Amendments Made**

The applicants' wish to thank the examiner for extending the time to conduct a telephone interview with the applicants' representative on 4 February 2003. The claims have been amended in accordance with the results of the interview. Please note that claim 1 in the application is now equivalent to draft claim 21 which was used for the purpose of discussion in the interview. Similarly, new claims 21-26 are equivalent to draft claims 22-27.

Claims 1-8, 10-17 and 21-26 are now pending. It is believed that no new matter has been added. The amendments for claim 1 is supported for example by page 3, lines 10-25 and Figure 1. As a reminder, the examiner said that it appeared that claims 1-8, 10-17 and 21-25 were allowable and this had tentatively been confirmed with his supervisor; the allowability of claim 26 had not yet been determined.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

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